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DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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May 28, 1998

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VIA REGULAR AND CERTIFIED
MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Steven Hodes, DVM
Mobile Veterinary Service
265 Route 46
Mine Hill, NJ 07803

Re: Case Number 97-65
Kathy Manino

Dear Dr. Hodes:

The New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners has had the opportunity to review your response to its previous allegations of negligence and professional misconduct.

Upon review of all the available information, as well as your letter of response, the Board has decided to withdraw the admonishment contained in its original Uniform Penalty Letter. Notwithstanding that decision, in regards to its original finding of negligence, the Board has reaffirmed its original position. Specifically, the Board has found that your negligence and failure to recognize the severity of the injuries of Mrs. Manino's rabbit caused serious harm and irreparable damage to it.

As a result, you are assessed a civil penalty of \$250 and responsible for the reimbursement of all fees, including the fee of \$150 that Ms. Manino spent for treatment at Alliance Emergency Veterinary Clinic. Because you waived any right to a hearing in this matter, the disposition in this matter is final.

If you do not reply to this letter within the required ten (10) day period, then the Board will make its determination on the evidence in the record and will take such action as may be allowed by law, which may include additional penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 based on your failure to respond to official Board correspondence.

Very truly yours,



Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director

DKO:bj
Enclosure

c Brenda Talbot Lewis, DAG

CERTIFICATION

I, STEVEN B HODES, hereby acknowledge that I have read and reviewed the Board's letter of May 28, 1998 regarding allegations of violations of the Board's enabling act and/or Board regulations.

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE:

☒ Absolutely do not Acknowledge
I acknowledge the conduct which has been charged and agree to:

- pay a penalty in the amount of \$250.00 (to be paid upon signing of this certification) and restitution to Ms. Kathy Manino in the amount of 199.54.

Dated: 6-8-98

Steven B. Hodes
(Signature)

STEVEN B. HODES DVM
(Print Name)

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MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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